

Internship Program Admissions

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Briefly describe in narrative form important information to assist potential applicants in assessing their likely fit with your program. This description must be consistent with the program's policies on intern selection and practicum and academic preparation requirements:

Applicants to the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center (TVAMC) Psychology Internship Program must be U.S. citizens enrolled and in good standing at a clinical or counseling psychology graduate program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) or Canadian Psychological Association (CPA). Applicants must be certified by their Director of Clinical Training as being ready for internship and preferably will have only minor, if any, dissertation requirements remaining. We prefer that applicants have a minimum of 1000 total hours of practicum experience; however, the quality of previous training experiences is valued more highly than the quantity. Preference is typically given to candidates from university-based programs who have had supervised assessment and therapy experience with a broad range of psychopathology across varied adult populations and settings; supervised training in objective psychological test administration, interpretation, and report writing; and demonstrated interest and experience in research. As an equal opportunity training program, the TVAMC internship considers applications from qualified candidates of all backgrounds. We welcome and strongly encourage applications from candidates reflecting diversity in racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, gender, disability or other identity status.

Does the program require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application? If Yes, indicate how many:

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours	✓ Yes	No	Amount: 500 Hours
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	✓ Yes	No	Amount: 150 Hours

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

No additional program-specific screening criteria are required; however, please note that applicants must qualify for federal appointment as a Health Professions Trainee (HPT) within the VA system. Detailed information regarding trainee eligibility requirements is available online at https://www.va.gov/OAA/TQCVL/TQCVL_HPTInstructions_V1.pdf.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$26,166	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	N/A	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	✓ Yes	No
If access to medical insurance is provided:		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	✓ Yes	No
Coverage of family member(s) available?	✓ Yes	No
Coverage of legally married partner available?	✓ Yes	No
Coverage of domestic partner available?	Yes	✓ No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	104	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	104	
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns/residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	✓ Yes	No
Other Benefits: N/A		

*Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table

Initial Post-Internship Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2017-2020	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	10	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	PD	EP
Community mental health center	0	0
Federally qualified health center	0	0
Independent primary care facility/clinic	0	0
University counseling center	0	1
Veterans Affairs medical center	2	2
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	4	0
Other medical center or hospital	0	0
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Academic university/department	0	0
Community college or other teaching setting	0	0
Independent research institution	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	1	0
Not currently employed	0	0
Changed to another field	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.